

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Expectancy for Areas in Scotland, 2012-2014
Description	Annual publication of 'life expectancy at birth' estimates for administrative (council and NHS Board) areas and special (urban/rural, deprivation and Community Health Partnership (CHP)) areas in Scotland.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV) files and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files
Data source(s)	Deaths from the civil registration system The Registrar General's Mid-year population estimates The Registrar General's Small area population estimates The Scottish Government's Urban/Rural classification
Date that data is acquired	August/September
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Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on the mortality probabilities indicated by the death records for the three years prior to the date of publication. For example, the 2012-2014 estimates were published in October 2015.
Continuity of data	<p>Historical life expectancy estimates are available as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -for council areas from 1991-1993 onwards -for NHS Board areas from 1981-1983 onwards -for Community Health Partnership(CHP) areas from 1996-1998 onwards -for urban/rural and deprivation areas from 2001-2003 onwards -for Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD 2012) from 2001-2003 onwards <p>Council, NHS Board and CHP areas have changed during these timescales, as has the urban/rural classification and SIMD.</p>

Revisions statement	<p>Revisions and corrections to previously published statistics are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government Statistician Group corporate policy statement on revisions and corrections, a copy of which is available on the Scottish Government website.</p> <p>Life expectancy estimates between 2001 and 2010 have been revised after the 2011 Census.</p> <p>Revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the Revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics available on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>Further information can be found in the Life Expectancy for areas in Scotland, 2012-2014 publication on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>Used in monitoring and investigating health inequality issues within Scotland, setting public health targets, informing pensions policy, research and teaching.</p>
Accuracy	<p>Life expectancy at birth is an estimate which is subject to a margin of error. The accuracy of the results can be indicated by calculating a confidence interval within which the true underlying life expectancy would be expected to lie. Further information is available from the methodology section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The National Records of Scotland (NRS) have published research papers assessing the quality of the administrative data sources that are used in the production of mid-year population estimates. Mid-year population estimates are an important input in calculating life expectancy estimates. For more information go to the Research for the 2021 Census section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The quality of deaths data which are part of the inputs in computing life expectancy estimates is available on the Vital Events section of the NRS website.</p>
Completeness:	<p>Life expectancies for administrative and special areas are presented in the form of abridged life tables, which mean that estimates are available for grouped years instead of a single year of age.</p>

Comparability	<p>Time-series comparisons are appropriate at council, NHS Board and Community Health Partnership level. The suitability of time-series comparisons for urban/rural and deprivation areas is dependent upon the objective as the areas have changed over time. Further information can be found in Life Expectancy for Areas in Scotland, 2012-2014 publication on the NRS website.</p> <p>Due to the differences between complete (single year of age) and abridged (grouped years) life tables, abridged life tables for Scotland are calculated and presented alongside the sub-national estimates for use as a comparator.</p>
Accessibility	<p>It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland (NRS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available in the Accessibility section of the NRS website.</p>
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel, CSV and PDF formats. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. Notations used within the tables and charts are given in footnotes.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	<p>Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.</p>
Official Statistics designation	<p>These statistics were assessed by the UK Statistics Authority and have been designated as National Statistics.</p>
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	<p>These statistics were assessed in May 2011 using the UK Statistics Authority Assessment of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (PDF document) available from the UK Statistics Authority website.</p>
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